

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the arm is radially rotatable in a plane of motion about the first longitudinal axis with respect to the clamp.

3. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the arm is radially rotatable about the clamp in a plane containing the first longitudinal axis.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for supporting medical fluids for delivery to a patient during surgery, the apparatus comprising:

a clamp for removably securing the apparatus to an object to allow the object to support the apparatus, the object being immovable relative to the patient to whom the fluids are to be delivered;

an arm having a first longitudinal axis extending from a first end of the clamp;

a support connected to the arm ~~remote from the clamp~~, the support being adapted to retain a receptacle containing medical fluids;

the arm being rotatably movable within a plane about~~with respect to the clamp, thereby allowing the positioning of the support within at least three directional planes of motion with respect to the clamp;~~ and

wherein ~~the arm has a first longitudinal axis, and wherein the arm is axially movable along the first longitudinal axis and horizontally rotatably moveable about the first longitudinal axis such that the arm may be oriented to extend from a second end of the clamp, directly opposed to the first end of the clamp, while still supporting medical fluids with respect to the clamp; and~~

~~wherein the support is mounted on a rod, the rod being mounted to an end of the arm remote from the clamp, and wherein the rod is moveable with respect to the end of the arm, and wherein the rod extends telescopically within the arm.~~

6. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the arm comprises a first portion extending from the clamp and a second portion extending from the first portion, wherein the first portion of the arm has ~~a~~the first longitudinal axis and the second portion of the arm has a second longitudinal axis and wherein the first longitudinal axis is substantially perpendicular to the second longitudinal axis.

7. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein the first portion of the arm is rotatable about the clamp within a plane containing the first longitudinal axis of the first portion.

8. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the second portion of the arm is rotatable about the first portion of the arm.

9. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the first portion of the arm is rotatable about the first longitudinal axis with respect to the clamp.

10. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the object is an item of surgical furniture selected from a surgical table and surgical bed, upon which a patient lies.

11. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein the object is a surgical table, the clamp being adapted to releasably secure to a rail extending along an edge of the surgical table.

12. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the support is adapted to retain the receptacle containing medical fluids for delivery to the patient intravenously.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein the first arm portion is rotatable about the first longitudinal axis with respect to the clamp.

15. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein the first arm portion is rotatable about the clamp in a plane containing the first longitudinal axis of the first arm portion.

16. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the second arm portion is rotatable about the first arm portion.

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for supporting receptacles containing medical fluids for intravenous delivery to a patient, the apparatus comprising:

- a clamp for releasably securing the apparatus to an item of furniture;

- a first arm portion extending from a first end of the clamp, wherein the first arm portion has a first longitudinal axis;

- a second arm portion extending from the first arm portion, wherein the second arm portion has a second longitudinal axis perpendicular to the first longitudinal axis; and

- a receptacle support mounted on the second arm portion;

wherein the first arm portion and second arm portion are movable with respect to the clamp such that the receptacle support may be moved within a plane containing the first longitudinal axis and the second longitudinal axis;

wherein the receptacle support is mounted on a support rod, the support rod being axially mounted to ~~the~~ an end of the second arm portion and movable with respect to the end of the second arm portion; and-

wherein the first arm portion is movable along the first longitudinal axis, the movement along the first longitudinal axis being limited by an end of the first arm portion having an increased diameter.

18. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein the support rod extends telescopically within the second arm portion.

19. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein the item of surgical furniture is selected from a surgical table ~~or~~ and surgical bed, upon which a patient lies.

20. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 19, wherein the item of surgical furniture is a surgical table, the clamp being adapted to releasably secure to a rail extending along an edge of the surgical table.

21. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein the receptacle support comprises of a hook assembly attached to an end of a support rod, wherein the hook assembly comprises a hook from which receptacles containing medical fluids may be supported and wherein the support rod is axially mounted to the second arm portion and movable with respect to the end of the second arm portion.

22. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the support is mounted on a rod, the rod being mounted to an end of the arm, and wherein the rod is moveable with respect to the end of the arm, and wherein the rod extends telescopically within the arm.

23. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein the movement of the arm along the first longitudinal axis is limited by the second portion of the arm.

24. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein the movement of the arm along the first longitudinal axis is limited by an end of the first portion of the arm having an increased diameter.

25. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein the movement of the first arm portion along the first longitudinal axis is limited by the second arm portion.

26. (New) An apparatus of claim 17, wherein the first arm portion is rotatably movable about the clamp and rotatably moveable about the first longitudinal axis such that the first arm portion may be oriented to extend from a second end of the clamp while supporting receptacles containing medical fluids.

27. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein the support retains the receptacle containing medical fluids at a position on the support that is elevated relative to the patient.

28. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein the hook assembly is elevated from the surgical furniture when the support rod is extended.